

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0080

Title: Apply reduced farm rate GVW fee to vehicles hauling timber on ranch, farm

Primary Sponsor: Jackson, V

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY 2004 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2005 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0
Revenue:		
State Special Revenue	Unknown	Unknown
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |
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Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. All gross vehicle weight fees (GVW) collected under 61-10-201 and 61-10-206, MCA, are deposited in the highway special revenue account. If operators who now pay 100 percent GVW fees become eligible to license under 61-10-206, MCA, (35 percent farm fee) as provided in HB 80, there will be a decrease to the highway special revenue account.
2. The motor vehicle application registration system does not identify logging trucks. The user will advise the county treasurer's office when registering the vehicle if the vehicle qualifies for the lower GVW rate hauling timber from the farm to market.
3. Timber haulers will be over 39,000 GVW. This would result in GVW fees which are approximately 35 percent of the current fee. There are no statistics available to estimate the revenue impact.
4. Additionally, insufficient information is available to determine whether there would be any vehicles transporting harvested timber from the farm to market that would be rated less than 39,000 GVW. This revenue impact can not be determined.
5. There will be no motor vehicle application registration systems programming changes so long as the trucks are registered at more than 39,000 GVW. The system would not accept vehicles rated less than 39,000 GVW and no other schedule is available.
6. The cost of training staff in the county treasurers' offices will be absorbed in the currently-proposed present law Executive Budget.